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Reference: Debt Settlement Plan received 6/27/01

Dear Mr. Alpert:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's review of your debt settlement plan (DSP). In order to complete our review, the following information is needed.

-Please provide the dates the debts owed to all creditors were incurred.

-The Commission is in receipt of your request to determine several debts as not payable. In accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 116.9, a political committee may request the Commission determine that a debt owed to a creditor is not payable if the creditor cannot be found or has gone out of business, and the debt has been outstanding for at least twenty-four (24) months.

In order to establish reasonable diligence, you must try to ascertain the current address and telephone number, and attempt to contact the creditor by registered or certified mail, and either in person or by telephone. 11 C.F.R. §116.9

You have indicated in your request that the Committee was unsuccessful in attempting to locate a number of creditors by contacting directory assistance and sending certified letters to the creditors' last known addresses, which were returned. Through an internet search, the Commission was able to find current addresses and phone numbers for four of the creditors you were unable to locate:

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- Chinese American Planning Council: 150 Elizabeth Street, New York, NY 10012, (212) 941-0920
- Chubb Life America: The Chubb Corporation; World Headquarters, 15 Mountain View Road, Warren, NJ 07059, (908) 903-2000
- Harper Collins Publishers: 10 East 53rd Street, New York, NY 10022, (212) 207-7000
- PSI Net/Pipeline: 33 White Horse Street, 30th Floor, New York, NY 10004, (646) 458-2300

Before these debts can be removed from your report, your Committee must exercise reasonable diligence in contacting these creditors.

-The supporting documents you have submitted with your request include copies of letters signed by several of the creditors. The letters from the Hanley Sign Company, Inc., Integrity Distribution, and Ross Mailing Services all state that there is no balance due to the New York State Democratic Committee; however, your committee does not report a debt or loan owed to them on Line 9 of the Summary Page for the 2001 30 Day Post-Special Report. Please clarify this discrepancy.

-The request(s) includes copies of agreement letters that were not signed by the creditors. The creditors' signature indicates their agreement with the settlement or amount owed. Please provide copies of the letters that are signed and completed by each creditor.

-The supporting documentation regarding the debts owed to AT&T Teleconference, NYNEX, and Sprint all have statements typed on them that indicates that if the committee cannot give the creditors an invoice, account number, or telephone number, then the creditors cannot determine if the committee has an account with them.

In order to no longer report these debts on your report, you need to attempt to locate your committee's account numbers so that the creditors can ascertain if your committee does have a balance. If the creditors find that the committee's balance is zero, then you need to submit a signed statement from them.

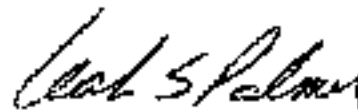
-On Schedule D your committee reports debts owed to several vendors; however, the documentation and phone records you have provided indicates the balance owed to these creditors is zero. Please provide an explanation for this discrepancy.

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If the information is not provided, the processing of the DSP will be discontinued. You are reminded that until the Commission is able to complete its review, all debts including the debts involved in the DSP must be continuously reported. (11 CFR §104.11)

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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